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MEDICARE TO EXHAUST FUNDS SOONER, REPORT FINDS

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Two of the government's most popular programs for the elderly, Medicare and Social Security, will run out of money sooner than thought earlier as a slow-growing economy saps revenues, a report on Friday said. Trustees for the two funds said the Medicare trust fund is projected to exhaust its funds in 2024, not 2029 as estimated last year, and that the Social Security retirement program will run out of money in 2036, not 2037 as previously thought.

INFANT DEATHS FALL, LIFE EXPECTANCY RISES: WHO

VO: 22

Infant deaths fell across the world during the first decade of the century, dropping twice as fast as they did in the 1990s, partly thanks to higher spending, the World Health Organization said on Friday. The health body said there had been an equally impressive rate of decline in the number of women dying from complications in pregnancy and childbirth -- and a rise in the average life expectancy to 68 years in 2009, up from 64 years in 1990.

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MIGRANTS, MINORITIES STILL VULNERABLE TO DISCRIMINATION AT WORK: UN REPORT

VO: 24

Migrant workers and minorities are among groups that continue to face discrimination in the labour market as a result of the global economic crisis, despite positive advances in anti-discrimination laws, the UN International Labour Organization (ILO) said in a new report. Economically adverse times are a breeding ground for discrimination at work and in society more broadly. "We see this with the rise of populist solutions," said ILO Director-General Juan Somavia at the release of Global Report on Equality at Work 2011: The Continuing Challenge. The report warns against a tendency during economic downturns to give lower priority to anti-discrimination

policies and workers rights in practice. Austerity measures and cutbacks in the budget of labour administrations and inspection services, and in funds available to specialized bodies dealing with non-discrimination and equality, can seriously compromise the ability of existing institutions to prevent the economic crisis from generating more discrimination and more inequalities, the report points out.

BINGE DRINKING MAY HARM LEARNING AND MEMORY

VO: 24

After a night of partying, it's not uncommon for college students to wake up with a fuzzy recollection of the evening's events. But a new study suggests that binge drinking may impair memory in young people long after the hangover has worn off, perhaps because of damage to the hippocampus, a brain region involved in learning. In the study, which appears in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research*, researchers in Spain gave a series of simple language and memory tests to 122 college students between the ages of 18 and 20, roughly half of whom were self-identified binge drinkers. The other half also drank alcohol, but more moderately.

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FRENCH FRIES OBESITY

VO :20

The french fry is fighting back. The spud has had a tough time lately. In the last year, it has been marginalized by new school lunch rules, demonized by a popular television program and blamed for the nation's obesity epidemic. Now some in Washington are saying they are fed up with the war on fries. In a letter to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack this month, members of Congress questioned his department's proposal to reduce the amount of potatoes and other starchy vegetables in school meals.

MEN SHOULD GET CERVIX CANCER VACCINES TOO

VO :22

Men also carry the human papillomavirus, the virus that can lead to male cancers and genital warts. And they could spread HPV to their sexual partners, putting those people at risk for cervical cancer. So the HPV vaccine, that is often recommended for girls, should extend to boys as well, say researchers from Innsbruck Medical University in Austria. Their study

was presented at the meeting of the American Urological on Tuesday. The HPV vaccine is recommended for women age 26 or younger, to prevent genital warts and to reduce risk of cervical cancer. The FDA approved the first HPV vaccine, Gardasil, back in 2006.

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U.S. TO INVESTIGATE SECURE COMMUNITIES DEPORTATION PROGRAM

VO: 24

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General plans an investigation of an immigration enforcement program that purports to target "serious convicted felons" for deportation but has ensnared many illegal immigrants who were arrested but not subsequently convicted of crimes or who committed minor offenses, a letter obtained Wednesday shows. The letter from acting Inspector General Charles K. Edwards to Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-San Jose), who requested an investigation late last month, said the watchdog agency had already scheduled a review of the program, known as Secure Communities. Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency launched the program in 2008 with plans for mandatory nationwide participation by 2013.

POLL: AMERICANS WANT GOVERNMENT TO PUSH ECONOMIC MOBILITY

VO: 25

An overwhelming majority of Americans want the government to help poor and middle-class Americans better their lot, but there was significant disagreement about whether or not the government was pursuing the right strategy. The poll seems to underscore a long-running truism that everyone wants to help the poor but no one agrees how to do it. Some 83% of respondents in a new poll by the Pew Charitable Trusts supported a government role in promoting economic mobility, and 58% said the government could do more. Yet 37% believed the government is pursuing the "wrong strategies" and 43% believed it was pursuing the right strategies ineffectually.

96 MINUTES WITHOUT A HEARTBEAT

VO: 25

Ron Winslow discusses new medical techniques that are emerging to save lives when most body functions appear to have stopped. A little-known device is shaking conventional wisdom for reviving people who suffer sudden cardiac arrest: People may be able to go much longer without a pulse than the 20 minutes previously believed. The capnograph, which measures carbon dioxide being expelled from the mouth of the patient, can tell rescuers when further efforts at cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, are futile or whether they should be continued. It is the latest effort that cardiology experts and emergency teams are devising that aim to improve a patient's odds. The American Heart Association updates its CPR guidelines, prioritizing compressions over mouth-to-mouth. Watch a video tutorial on how to give CPR the updated way.

A BLOOD TEST OFFERS CLUES TO LONGEVITY**VO: 30**

Blood tests that seek to tell people their biological age - possibly offering a clue to their longevity or how healthy they will remain - are now going on sale. But contrary to various recent media reports, the tests cannot specify how many months or years someone can expect to live. Some experts say the tests will not provide any useful information. The tests measure telomeres, which are structures on the tips of chromosomes that shorten as people age. Various studies have shown that people with shorter telomeres in their white blood cells are more likely to develop illnesses like cancer or even to die earlier. Studies in mice have suggested that extending telomeres lengthens lives.

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**DREAM ACT SUPPORTERS TELL OBAMA TO QUIT CAMPAIGNING
ON DREAM ACT****VO :26**

Immigration advocacy groups have a message for President Barack Obama: Stop using the DREAM Act to ask for campaign money unless you can deliver relief from deportation for undocumented youth. United We DREAM, a group of young people pushing for the bill, started a petition last week asking the president to remove discussions of the bill in campaign

literature and fundraising emails unless he is willing to use his executive power to block deportations for DREAM Act-eligible students. The DREAM Act would grant legal status to some undocumented young people who came to the U.S. as children and are now looking to attend college or join the military. Although Obama has said repeatedly that he supports the DREAM Act and that undocumented students are not the focus of his immigration enforcement plans, some are nonetheless caught up in a deportation system that removed more than 390,000 people from the country last year.

GOV. RICK SCOTT SIGNS CONTROVERSIAL ELECTION BILL INTO LAW

VO :30

Gov. Rick Scott on Thursday signed a controversial overhaul of the election laws that Republicans say is needed to prevent voter fraud and Democrats call a cynical act of partisanship to improve GOP chances in Florida next year. Critics assailed him for endorsing "voter suppression" tactics aimed at making it tougher for President Barack Obama to capture Florida's prized 29 electoral votes in 2012. But some supervisors who run elections in Florida say the state's voter registration database is highly reliable. A statement from their statewide association warns Scott that the changes could cause chaos and confusion at the polls next year. The League of Women Voters says it will suspend voter-registration activity because the bill requires such groups' volunteers to register with the state and face fines of up to \$1,000 for not submitting voting forms within 48 hours.

DESPITE OPPOSITION, HOME BIRTHS INCREASE

VO :28

Home births rose 20 percent over four years, government figures show, reflecting what experts say is a small subculture among white women toward natural birth. Fewer than 1 percent of U.S. births occur at home. But the proportion is clearly going up, a study by researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found. The new figures are for 2004 to 2008. Home births had been declining from 1990 to 2004. The increase was driven by white women - 1 in 98 had their babies at home in 2008, the most recent year for which the statistics were available. Only about 1 in 357 black women give birth at home, and just 1 in 500 Hispanic women do.

SMOKERS HAVE SLIMMER ODDS OF SURVIVING COLON CANCER

VO :23

Smokers aren't just more likely to develop colon cancer than non-smokers, they might also be at higher risk of dying from the disease, a new study suggests. The results, reported in the journal Cancer, show that smokers were 30 percent more likely to die of colon cancer during the study and 50 percent more likely to die of any cause than their smoke-free peers.

FEW DOCS, HOSPITALS EXCHANGING PATIENT INFORMATION

VO :22

Health information exchange -- a process that aims to simplify and improve patient care by connecting doctors and hospitals -- hasn't been catching on as fast as policymakers hoped, a new survey finds. The results also show that organizations responsible for coordinating the digital exchange of patient records are rarely financially viable, and only a few support the type of information exchange that the government deems necessary.

WHO SLASHES BUDGET, JOBS IN NEW ERA OF AUSTERITY

VO :27

The World Health Organization slashed its budget by nearly \$1 billion Thursday and cut 300 jobs at the U.N. agency's headquarters, because of financial constraints in donor countries, WHO officials said. The decision, taken by health ministers at the WHO annual meeting, follows a call by member states for a more "realistic" budget after a \$300 million shortfall last year.

HOW MANY TEENS HAVE "INTERNET ADDICTION?"

VO :21

One in every 25 teens had "problematic Internet use" in a new study of high school students from Connecticut. What's more, those students who reported an "irresistible urge" to be on the Internet and tension when they weren't online were more likely to be depressed and aggressive and to use drugs than their peers.

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TERROR CHARGES-TALIBAN

VO: 22

South Florida Muslim cleric and his son charged with providing support to the Pakistani Taliban are due in federal court for a bail hearing.

Prosecutors are asking a judge at Monday's hearing in Miami to reject bail

for 76-year-old Hafiz Muhammad Sher Ali Khan and 24-year-old Izhar Khan, also a Muslim imam. Prosecutors say both men are a danger to the community and would likely try to flee the country. They and four others are charged with sending at least \$50,000 to the Pakistani Taliban, which opposes Pakistan's government and allies such as the U.S. The suspects face a maximum of 15 years in prison on each of four charges if convicted.

RETIREMENT INSECURITY

VO: 28

A new poll shows most Americans don't believe Medicare and Social Security have to be cut to balance the federal budget. The Associated Press-GfK poll shows that arguments for overhauling middle-class benefit programs to pare government debt have failed to sway the public. In the poll, 54 percent said it's possible to balance the budget without cutting Medicare, and 59 percent said the same about Social Security. Democrats and political independents were far more likely than Republicans to say that neither program will have to be cut. Overall, 70 percent said Social Security is "extremely" or "very" important to their financial security in retirement, and 72 percent said so for Medicare.

BIRTH AT HOME

VO: 25

More women are giving birth at home. According to a new study in the journal 'Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care' women having babies at home increased 20 percent between 20-04 to 20-08. The change -- mainly due to a 94 percent increase in home births in white women. Home births increased significantly in 27 states during this period -- only four states saw declines. The highest increase was in Montana. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says although the risk of planned home births is low, research shows it does increase the risk of newborn death.

ROBOTIC ARM

VO: 24

A local medical center unveiled a device that helps restore arm function and movement to patients paralyzed from a stroke. Stroke patients at Palomar Pomerado Health are using a neuro-robotic arm as part of their therapy. The Escondido hospital is the only health center on the West Coast to offer the MIT-developed device called Myomo, which stands for "my own motion."

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED LEGISLATURE IS EXPECTED TO SEND GOV. NIKKI HALEY AN ARIZONA-STYLE

VO: 28

South Carolina's Republican-controlled Legislature is expected to send Gov. Nikki Haley an Arizona-style anti-illegal immigration bill in the coming weeks. That has local law officials getting ready for enforcing immigration laws. Roan Garcia-Quintana has been advocating for the state to do more to protect citizens from illegal immigrants who commit violent crimes.

"South Carolina has been overrun by illegals," he said at a recent legislative hearing. "The question I ask to all of you is, 'What do you want South Carolina to be like?' We already have our own criminals. We don't need to import criminals."

SUPREME COURT CAL. PRISONS

VO: 40

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that California must remove tens of thousands of inmates from its prison rolls in the next two years, and state officials vowed to comply, saying they hoped to do so without setting any criminals free. Administration officials expressed confidence that their plan to shift low-level offenders to county jails and other facilities, already approved by lawmakers, would ease the persistent crowding that the high court said Monday had caused "needless suffering and death" and amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

JUDGE TO RULE ON LOUGHNER'S MENTAL STATE

VO: 25

A federal judge is set to determine this week whether Jared Lee Loughner, the man accused of shooting Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., and 18 others in Tucson, is mentally competent to stand trial. Two mental health experts -- one for the federal government, another assigned by the judge -- have evaluated Loughner and sent sealed reports to the court. Prosecutors and defense attorneys said they do not dispute the findings in the reports and do not wish to question the experts at a hearing Wednesday on Loughner's mental competency, possibly indications that both sides agree he is a troubled young man.

PA:OUTDOOR SMOKING BAN BEGINS IN PHILADELPHIA

VO: 22

Beginning July 1st, smoking will be banned at Philadelphia playgrounds and recreation facilities. The executive order signed by Mayor Michael Nutter prohibits smoking at city recreation centers. The mayor says among the goals it is to prevent children from lighting up. "Youth who smoke are much more likely to smoke as adults and therefore run the risk of getting smoking related diseases and of course dying," said Nutter. Nutter is not emphasizing this as a way to cut second-hand smoke. Deputy Mayor Mike Diberardinis says kicking smokes out of rec centers helps the city's goal of raising healthier kids. "If we're allowing smoking anywhere on our grounds, we're going against that pledge," he said. Health Commissioner Dr. Donald Schwarz says they're leaving enforcement up to the public.

TWO NEW HEPATITIS C DRUGS APPROVED**VO: 20**

By the end of this week, adult hepatitis C patients will have access to two new drugs, to add to their arsenal in battling the viral disease that causes inflammation of the liver that can lead to liver failure. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Incivek (telaprevir) on Monday, and Victrelis (boceprevir) on May 13. Both drugs are approved for use in combination with the two standard treatment drugs - peginterferon and ribavirin - for a three-drug cocktail. Incivek and Victrelis are called protease inhibitors, which bind to the virus and prevent it from multiplying. "There are now two important new treatment options for hepatitis C that offer a greater chance at a cure for some patients with this serious condition," said Dr. Edward Cox, of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research in a written statement. "The availability of new therapies that significantly increase responses while potentially decreasing the overall duration of treatment is a major step forward in the battle against chronic hepatitis C infection."

PROTECT YOUR SKIN FROM THE SUN THIS SUMMER**VO: 27**

With Memorial Day just around the corner and beach vacations in sight, you need to make sure to protect your skin. The Environmental Protection Agency has developed a program called SunWise. It aims to teach children and parents how to prevent sun overexposure. The program has been developed in schools across the nation. State and local governments are catching on too.

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JOHN EDWARDS CRIMINAL CHARGES

VO: 26

Lawyers for former Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards are bracing for the possibility that he will soon face federal campaign finance charges and indicated Wednesday that they would vigorously fight any indictment. Charges against the former North Carolina senator and two-time presidential candidate appear increasingly likely. A federal grand jury in North Carolina has been examining Edwards's role in funneling money from political donors to a former campaign aide, Rielle Hunter, in a possible attempt to cover up an extramarital affair sources familiar with the investigation have said.

NEW TESTS OF U.S. AIRPORT SCANNERS FIND RADIATION OK

VO: 30

New tests of full-body scanners deployed at airports found that the radiation they emit was within acceptable levels, the Transportation Security Administration said on Tuesday after previous checks found some anomalies in results. The machines, which have provoked health concerns about excessive radiation exposure, have been deployed at dozens of airports to thwart attacks on the U.S. aviation system which has continued to be a prime target of al Qaeda militants.

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CENSUS AGING POPULATION

VO: 26

Women are continuing to outlive men, but men are gaining on them in numbers thanks to medical improvements. New 2010 census figures, released Thursday, show men are narrowing the female population advantage, primarily in the 65-plus age group. It's a change in the social dynamics of a country in which longevity, widowhood and health care for seniors have been mostly seen as women's issues. In all, the numbers highlight a nation that is rapidly aging even as Congress debates cuts in Medicare, an issue with ramifications for the growing ranks of older men. "We know in the past because of women's longer life expectancy, women put more emphasis on health care issues because they lived to an older age and often had to rely on the pensions of their husbands," said Jen'nan

G. Read, an associate professor of sociology and global health at Duke University. "I would expect men to become more aware and involved in health care now that they may be affected in the same way as women," she said. Over the past decade, the number of men in the U.S. increased by 9.9 percent, faster than the 9.5 percent growth rate for women. As a result, women outnumbered men by just 5.18 million, compared with 2000, when there were 5.3 million more women than men.

SHOOTING/LOUGHNER

VO: 24

One of more than a dozen surviving victims from the Tucson shooting rampage says he has no problem with the suspect spending his life in a mental health facility. Eric Fuller spoke shortly after a federal judge ruled Wednesday that Jared Lee Loughner was incompetent to stand trial for the Jan. 8 attack, which left Rep. Gabrielle Giffords seriously wounded from a bullet to the brain. Mental health experts concluded that Loughner, a 22-year-old college dropout, suffers from schizophrenia.

AMERICANS WANT TO "KEEP MEDICAID AS IT IS": SURVEY

VO: 29

More than half of Americans do not want Medicaid funding cut and are skeptical of changing how the federal government funds the healthcare program for the poor, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey released on Wednesday. Currently, U.S. states administer Medicaid with partial reimbursements from the federal government. The healthcare reform law passed last year made more people eligible for the program and also increased some rates of reimbursement.

MORE U.S. WOMEN USING MEDICATIONS DURING PREGNANCY

VO: 19

Most pregnant women in the U.S. use at least one prescription or over-the-counter medication -- even though the safety of those drugs during pregnancy is not always clear, a new study finds. Looking at data from two long-running studies, researchers found that by 2008, more than 80 percent of pregnant women used at least one prescription or over-the-counter medication at some point.

SHORT WAIT FOR BREAST CANCER SURGERY SEEMS SAFE

VO: 32

Women newly diagnosed with earlier-stage breast cancer can take a few weeks to prepare for surgery without raising the odds that their tumor will progress, a new study suggests. There are a number of reasons that a woman's surgery for breast cancer might be delayed. She might want to get a second opinion, for example, or her doctors may need to make sure any other medical conditions are under control and she's healthy enough for surgery.

DOES ASPIRIN CUT DEATHS? NEW STUDY CLOUDS PICTURE

VO: 22

Despite a lot of excitement about aspirin, scientists can't seem to agree on whether the drug helps healthy people live longer. Just one month after a study failed to find an effect on overall death rates -- see Reuters Health report, April 20, 2011 -- a new report based on the same data has arrived at the opposite conclusion.

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MAINE HAS OLDEST POPULATION IN US

VO: 16

Florida may have the reputation for older residents, but it's actually Maine that has the most aged population in America. According to the latest Census numbers, Maine's median age was 42. That's two more years than the median age in Florida and more than five years above the national average of 37-years old. Experts said the biggest factors are the low birth rate in Maine and young families leaving the state for other opportunities. The second oldest state is Vermont, while the youngest is Utah.

DRIVER'S DATA MAY BE USED TO CHECK WORKERS' STATUS

VO: 25

The Obama administration is about to add more personal information to E-Verify, an immigration enforcement tool that is vulnerable to fake, stolen or borrowed documents. The administration has said that it will add driver's license data from the state of Mississippi to E-Verify as early as June 8. The agency will test whether using the data can help E-Verify better identify people working illegally in the U.S. E-Verify checks workers' information against Social Security and immigration records. E-Verify was not designed to check whether a document with valid information belongs to the person who presented it. Citizenship and Immigration Services, part of the

Department of Homeland Security, has tried to make up for E-Verify's shortcomings by adding photos from U.S. passports, green cards given to legal permanent residents and work permits. But those only cover some workers.

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OBAMA-DEFENSE

VO: 21

President Barack Obama is expected to introduce Army Gen. Martin Dempsey as his choice to lead the Joint Chiefs of Staff in a Rose Garden announcement Monday. Dempsey is an accomplished veteran of the Iraq war. He would succeed Navy Adm. Mike Mullen as the president's top military adviser when Mullen's term ends Sept. 30. Dempsey would need Senate confirmation. Two people familiar with the selection process told The Associated Press of Obama's choice last week. They spoke on condition of anonymity because it had not been announced by the White House.

MEMORIAL DAY

VO: 27

People across the country are celebrating Memorial Day today... honoring those soldiers who have lost their lives. All while families in Ohio mourn the loss of four service members recently killed in action. At Golden Gate national cemetery in California... boy scouts placed american flags at each of the 138-thousand gravesites to honor fallen veterans.

NEW BREAST CANCER GUIDELINES "UNSAFE": WOMEN

VO: 18

More than eight out of 10 women say new guidelines recommending against routine breast cancer screening of women under 50 are "unsafe," according to a small survey. But most of the women also grossly overestimate their risk of developing the disease, researchers from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester found.

VITAMINS WON'T PREVENT PREGNANCY COMPLICATION

VO: 23

Despite hopes that high doses of vitamins C and E might lower a woman's risk of developing a pregnancy complication marked by high blood

pressure, a new analysis of the evidence to date finds no benefit. After reviewing nine studies including nearly 20,000 women, researchers found that women taking 1,000 milligrams of vitamin C and 400 IU of vitamin E - much higher doses than in most prenatal multivitamins - were no less likely to develop the potentially deadly pregnancy complication known as preeclampsia.

MSG LINKED TO WEIGHT GAIN

VO: 20

The flavor enhancer monosodium glutamate (MSG), most often associated with Chinese food and after-dinner headaches, may also be enhancing waistlines, a new study finds. Researchers found that people who eat more MSG are more likely to be overweight or obese. And the increased risk wasn't simply because people were stuffing themselves with MSG-rich foods. The link between high MSG intake and being overweight held even after accounting for the total number of calories people ate.

CAR RENTAL SAFETY

VO: 34

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer of New York said he will introduce a bill to stop car rental agencies from renting automobiles that are under recalls for problems that aren't yet fixed. The industry this month proposed a two-tiered system in which cars would be kept off the road if the recall involved serious safety issues. Recalls considered less serious would be fixed as soon as possible, but the cars wouldn't be "grounded" until then, under the proposal by the American Car Rental Association. "Rental car agencies appear more interested in reaping profit by keeping recalled vehicles on the road than they do with ensuring the safety of the individuals and families who are driving their cars," Schumer said before his announcement Monday.

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REPUBLICANS SEEM TO SOFTEN ON IMMIGRATION

VO: 31

In the 2008 presidential campaign, some Republican contenders called for millions of people living in the country illegally to return to their native lands before being able to seek legal status. As the next presidential election nears, would-be GOP nominees are emphasizing sympathy for some illegal

immigrants, in what is either a strategic feint or a reflection of changed political terrain. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich opened the door to more flexible treatment of illegal immigrants who have been in the United States for decades, obey the law and are married with children. "We are going to want to find some way to deal with the people who are here, to distinguish between those who have no natural ties to the United States - and therefore you could deport them at minimum human cost - and those who in fact may have earned the right to become legal but not citizens," he said in Marshalltown, Iowa.

HEALTH CARE FRAUD

VO: 29

It's getting personal now. In a shift still evolving, federal enforcers are targeting individual executives in health care fraud cases that used to be aimed at impersonal corporations. The new tactic is raising the anxiety level -- and risks -- for corporate honchos at drug companies, medical device manufacturers, nursing home chains and other major health care enterprises that deal with Medicare and Medicaid. Previously, if a company got caught, its lawyers in many cases would be able to negotiate a financial settlement. The company would write the government a check for a number followed by lots of zeroes and promise not to break the rules again. Often the cost would just get passed on to customers. Now, on top of fines paid by a company, senior executives can face criminal charges even if they weren't involved in the scheme but could have stopped it had they known. Furthermore, they can also be banned from doing business with government health programs, a career-ending consequence.

YOUNG ATHLETES USE FEWER DRUGS, BUT MORE ALCOHOL

VO:20

Teens who exercise and play team sports are less likely to be smokers or use marijuana and other drugs, according to a new study. However, the results

also showed that high school students on athletic teams drank more alcohol than their peers.

FOOD PYRAMID CHANGING

VO:23

The shape of healthy eating is changing. Federal health officials are tossing out the food pyramid and replacing it with a plate. The Food Guide Pyramid

was introduced in 19-92 and replaced in 2005 by My-Pyramid. Officials say the pyramid was too confusing. The new plate is designed to educate people about the government's latest dietary guidelines. It is broken into four parts -- grains, protein, fruits and vegetables. Beside the plate is a small circle for dairy. Notice... there's no room for fats or sweets.

MORE PARENTS SAVING FOR COLLEGE

VO:29

More moms and dads are putting money away for their kids' education. The Los Angeles Times says last year, Americans put nine-billion-dollars into government-run college savings plans -- known as 5-29 plans. That's up from five-billion-dollars in 2008. Experts say many parents are afraid their children won't be able to afford college. Right now, the average cost of a year's tuition, room and board at a public U-S university is more than 16-thousand dollars.